

Testimony from Bart Schott

In Support of HB 1153

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Good morning chairman Thomas and members of the House Agriculture Committee. For the record. My name is Bart Schott. I am a retired farmer and my son and he has taken over my farm near Kulm, ND. I'm also a past chairman of the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council board and served as a director for region six for North Dakota Corn Growers Association board. My past includes being a member of the National Corn Growers Association board of directors and also president of the National Corn Growers Association. I'm here in support of house bill 1153.

Corn producers across the state of North Dakota have been a part of some big changes.

- 1 - Revenue crop insurance for all corn producers in every county.
- 2 - Supportive of ethanol producing plants.
- 3 - Have use the expanded farm service agency farmer green been programs.
- 4 - Together with our DC champions, help write the prevented plant clause.

These are just a few of the changes North Dakota Corn Growers Association has been a part of to make corn the highest value crop grown anywhere in North Dakota. Today the North Dakota Corn Growers Association needs your help in passing house bill 1153 to meet the future for this organization to help its farmer growers. Like a new Farm Bill reauthorization, Waters of the US, changes in risk management agency (RMA) to name a few. We can and will make a difference with the increased funding that is from the corn growers of this state for the growers benefit.

The current North Dakota Corn Growers Association board members are young family, farmers, who are among the brightest and most hard-working in North Dakota. I ask for your DO PASS on House Bill1153. Thank you for your time. I stand available for any questions you may have.